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# MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL COMMANDER

The history of all veteran organizations in the United States has followed a clear cut pattern. Each one has a life expectancy of about sixty years. The membership gradually increases for the first ten years, and then because of death, hospitalization, members moving and many other reasons, it decreases for the next half century. The classic example of this pattern is the G.A.R. I know, of course, that there are a few Civil War veterans still alive, but as a factor in civic or veteran affairs, the G.A.R. ceased to be a power twenty years ago.

The Yankee Division Veterans' Association followed this familiar pattern. Formed in 1920, it reached the peak of its World War I membership about 1930, and then began to gradually drop off. It seemed that we were destined to grow old, and have our organization grow old with us, until about 1970 we and it would be just a memory, recalled to mind only on Memorial Day and Armistice Day.

Then, suddenly, a new and bigger war came, was fought out and concluded, and a younger and larger group of Y. D. veterans were eligible for membership. These new veterans proved very enthusiastic about Y.D.V.A., and as a result our membership soared to a new peak, a trend which will continue, if the old familiar pattern is followed, for the next fifty years, and will fade out at the end of the present century. Unless, of course a Third World War takes place. The latter event, however, is so unthinkable that all members are quite content with the alternative of having the Y.D.V.A. die with us.

In fact so many new members showed up in such unexpected places that we have formed a half dozen new chapters to take care of them, and there are prospects of having additional chapters in Plymouth, Brockton, Fall River, Cape Cod, and Allentown, Pennsylvania.

The above is very encouraging, but while forging ahead, enlisting new members, and forming new chapters, let us not lose contact with our older members and older chapters that have been through the mill with us for the past thirty years. Many of these

chapters, especially the smaller ones, have had tough sledding through the depression days and the war years. Many have had the bitter experience of seeing their membership drop away, but these are now on the way back. Others have experienced a shrinkage of the treasury, and a resulting loss of interest on the part of the members. It is well and truly said that a veterans' organization lasts only so long as the treasury lasts. Without the necessary operating funds a chapter must very soon give up the ghost, turn in its charter, and pass out of existence.

Let's not have that happen to any chapter of the YDVA! We've been through tough days together, either in France during World War I, or all over the world in World War II, and we not only put up with a lot of temporary hardships and set-backs, but we licked every enemy in sight! So, with a little of that same spirit and cooperation, we can very easily lick such small things as lack of interest or depleted treasuries.

How? Well I have a suggestion to make. Let's set up a forum in the National Executive Committee and Yankee Doings for the exchange of ideas. If any chapter or department has an idea that has worked out well for them, send it along to us and we'll print it for the benefit of all other chapters or departments, or pass it along to those fellows who need it most. And if any one is running into trouble or having tough going, send that along to us by all means. I'll bet there isn't any problem you can think of that hasn't been met and successfully solved by at least one of our chapters or departments, and we'll be delighted to let you know what they did in the circumstances. Get the idea? United we stand forever, divided we have nothing.

I hope I didn't sound discouraging, because I intended nothing of the sort. I think the old Y.D.V.A. is now right on top of the heap as far as veterans' organizations go, but I believe we're on our way to bigger and better things, and I want all of us to move along together to the top, as any chain is only as strong as its weakest link.

So-let's all get together, bring in new members, renew the interest of our older members, charter new chapters, and, above all, strengthen our present chapters. —Edward J. McCormack.

# INSTALLATION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS OF THE Y.D.V.A.

From the experience gained in battle in two World Wars, the 26th Yankee Division stands first in example, not only to the people of our Country but well enough to the legislators in Washington, to be a guidance in preparing the laws for a stronger national defense within our own borders, and in helping those nations in Europe who without our friendship, material and financial help would make it more easier for an enemy to invade our shores, said Representative John W. McCormack, majority leader of the House at installation ceremonies of national officers of the Y.D.V.A. on Thursday evening, September 15th at the YD Club House in Boston.

To combat communism and other elements outside and those within who would destroy our nation, we must prepare immediately with a strong national defense, lend or give outright to our friendly nations every possible assistance.

Mayor James M. Curley of Boston, a true friend of the YD gave an inspiring talk on the history of the YD, in its preparation and organization in World War I, its return to Boston for the greatest celebration in history and within a quarter of a century the making, training and battle record of the second YD division.

With a packed filled hall, commander Ralph A. Palladino, presided at the meeting of the Boston YD Chapter. Fred Jones, past national commander of the YDVA and past president of the 101st Infantry association was escorted to the platform. Receiving the gavel from commander Palladino he proceeded to install William F. Connor, president and his staff of officers of the 101st Infantry Association. Earl Holbrook, past national sargeant at arms assisted Fred in the installation.

Past national commander Ralph A. Turgeon, was then escorted to the platform and with Earl Holbrook, as sargeant at arms proceeded to install the national officers of the YDVA.

The new national officers present and installed with Edward J. McCormack, national commander were department commanders; Michael Dell Isola, for New Hampshire; Albert C. Maxwell, for Massachusetts and Maurice P. Healey, for Connecticut; H. Guy Watts, as national secretary for the ninth term; Earl S. Eaves, national secretary; Timothy C.

Doherty, national judge advocate; John J. Goss, national historian and public relations officer; James H. Sullivan, (Cowboy Jim) as national sargeant at arms and William F. Connors, national assistant sargeant at arms.

Commander "Ed" presented with the gavel from PNC Ralph Turgeon, responded with a few words of thanks, turned the chair over to Ralph Palladino, commander of the Boston YD Chapter for the closing exercises.

A fine program of entertainment followed and dancing continued at the club's fine Lounge to the wee hours.

It was truly a demonstration of a fine YD spirit.

PNC Ben Bourn was present from Hartford with yours truly.

To Lew Fulton, our national americanism officer, your YD comrades regret your present illness and wish for you an early recovery.

Guy Watts, our national secretary has been busy at headquarters and with our national commander "Ed" McCormack, daily on the job just send your problems along.

It has been my privilege to serve with nine past national commanders, and each have done a wonderful job for YD, and those whom have served YD before, 'all were conscience of their duties and done well'. We are fortunate because of these leaders that YD stands above all other divisional units.

With commander Edward J. McCormack now our leader I feel very sure he will be no exception and will give to YD everything expected.

Thanks to Lynn, Springfield and New York on their monthly bulletins and booklets. Can other chapters send me occasionally their activities so they might be included in the national history.

On membership I find Boston nearing its 1000 mark. How is your chapter doing?

Our new veterans of World War II are taking over in chapters, departments and national. They are all a fine bunch of fellows so let us give them every support. Carry On and Keep YD Alive.

P. O. Box 726
Hartford 1, Conn.

John J. Goss
National Historian and
Public Relation Officer

# THIS MONTH'S COVER

Some time ago we initiated a new series of covers, printing in color each month the insignia worn by one of our units overseas. We had to suspend these covers for awhile because other matters of current interest demanded the front cover. Now, however, we can resume the printing of unit insignia, and will continue from time to time until the series is complete.

This month's cover is the insignia worn by the various units comprising division headquarters.

The shield itself is pentagonal in shape. The superimposed arm is the right arm of Miles Standish, and is taken from the coat of arms of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Beneath this is a cord of three white and three red stripes alternately. These signify the whites and Indians who comprised the population of the colony at the time of settlement in 1630. The six mullets or stars represent the six major engagements in which the division participated in World War I. As in the case of all other unit insignia, no additions have as yet been authorized to represent World War II participation.

The insignia on the cover is that worn by personnel of Division Headquarters and Division Headquarters Company, the red and blue backgrounds indicating that the division is comprised of both Artillery and Infantry.

Other units of Division headquarters w. i. e. the Special Troops composed of the M. P. Co., Quartermaster Co., Signal Co., Reconnaissance Troop, Division Artillery wore the same insignia but the background was colored to agree with their traditional colors, as worn on their hat cords.

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2092 Davidson Avenue,
Bronx 53, N. Y.
September 7, 1949

Dear Guy—

This is to let you know that I lost my father-in-law Jacob Cohen tonight at 8 p. m., who formerly lived in Boston. He died of a heart condition caused by two long periods in hospital for leg trouble, left one hospital Sunday and taken to another in emergency on Monday for heart trouble.

How are you and your family. Have not been too well since the third operation two years last March 4, 1949. Give my best regards to all in Boston, where my wife was also born.

Yours forever,

Joseph Greenberg,
Past Jr. Vice-Commander,
N. Y. Chapter Yankee Div.,
Veterans Association.

## National Service Office

This office has been particularly interested in the current effort to contact all YD men in hospitals, everywhere, ever since General Paul brought the matter up at the dinner for Past National Commander Turgeon on August 13th.

We canvassed the V. A. hospitals by letter, last year, from a list furnished by the V. A. but found out that there was no one at these hospitals who could be called on to visit the patients and find out who were YD men.

Now the General comes forward with the offer to get the Red Cross to do it. This plan will put the project on the firmest base possible. We hope that the Hospital Fund, referred to by National Hospital Chairman White in last month's "Doings" will have the approval of the National Executive Committee so that there will be money enough to do everything required for these patients.

In the meantime, remember that a 10 minute visit to a YD buddy in a hospital will mean a lot to him. And if he has any "kicks", send them to this office, as requested in the May issue.

Joseph K. Surls, M.D.,
130 East End Avenue,
New York, 28, N. Y.

Sincerely yours,

Joe.

## NATIONAL SECRETARY'S NOTES

We hope that after the October issue of Doings you will notice a difference in your stencil. The reason for this is because we expect by that time to have our new Addressing Machine with a complete new set of stencils. This was made possible from the results of our last years Car drawing. Besides the new Addressing Machine, we have purchased a new stencil cutting machine, a stamp machine, an envelope sealing machine and several new cabinets.

You have probably noticed that Doings has many pages of Ads. in the last three issues. This is the one thing we have been trying to do for the last thirty years. At last we have solved the problem. The magazine has at last started to pay for itself. Previously, it was the largest expense of the Association. Today the Association is financially better off than it has been in its thirty years of existence.

With our new equipment at Headquarters, when it is installed we will be able to speed up the work in the office.

## WWII Memorial Tablets Dedicated July 17th

The Tablets are in place, Dedicated and a tribute to the WW No. 2 Division, BUT they are not paid for: We have contributions from several Chapters, two Regimental associations the 101st Inf. and the 104th Inf., the rest are all individual contributions. It cost us $50.00 to have the flagpole painted which adds more to the total. At your next meeting of your Chapter why not have the Chapter send a donation and also talk it up to the members to send in their mite. Eliot Carter, Chairman.

Total cost of the Placques was $957.33, we are quite a long ways from our Goal. Why not get busy.

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| Previously acknowledged | $452.55 | |
| Mass. Dept. YD Aux. received recently but not acknowledged previously | 50.00 | |
| Nashua Chapter | 10.00 | |
| | | $512.55 |

## 1950 CONVENTION NEWS

It may occur to you fellows that always make some definite plans about attending a national convention, that I am just a little bit premature, well let me say now that we are again going to leave no stone unturned to give one and all as good a convention that is humanly possible.

Your convention chairman Fred Jones has already started to lay his plans and form his committees so that the best man will head each of the real important committees. The first thing we would like to know is 'how many are coming'. 'How will we know that' the only way we can possibly know is by each and every one of you making an early registration. The blanks will be in your hands by the time you read this. Next, where will you want to stay. Both of these are in the same category, so if you register early and tell the Housing Chairman what you want and where, we will make every effort to comply with your wishes. Each registrant who desires hotel accommodations will be notified by the hotel that a room or rooms have been reserved for him and only by those who have been officially registered. The rest is up to yourself. Already we have received eleven who are going to be sure of a place to stay.

More news about other events as we get them settled but above all remember that you are in for another Worcester convention. Nuff sed.

# "NO-MADICS" ('49 edition)

**NO MADICS: Do you remember the series of No-madics written by then Cpl. ret., now Lt. Col. Edwin (Ted) Noyes on active duty at present in the ETO: Well this is a modern edition of them.**

*(Continued from last Issue)*

Reservations at the Hotel Coc Hardi (just below the entrance to the Citadel) were prepared for us and previous knowledge of this area in both 1918 and 1944 would prove of value in sightseeing of the battle-fields.

A delightful dinner of soup, trout (from the hilly streams nearby) tenderloin steak, roasted potatoes, peach-melba, cheese, fruit, coffee and a liquor put us in fine fettle and after discussing 1940-44 with several local "types" we bedded down in the most luxurious bed we've ever slept in since leaving the USA. High, soft, and downy—with the traditional overpuff which some KRAUT neglected in the plundering prior to the August 1944 withdrawal. Sleep came easily in this quiet and peaceful surroundings while, undoubtedly, the Spirit of the one million killed here in 1914-18 still carried out their Eternal Patrols. Dawn came TOO early but with Strassbourg as the next objective with many miles and sights in between—an early start was necessary.

About two hours tour of the WW-I Defense—those rolling hills and deep ravines—locations like Fort Douamont, "Tranche de Bayonettes", Fort du Vaux, Bois Haumont, Bois Ormont, Flabas (where 11 November '18 finished one "Guerre" and close to where we had our Advanced 9th Air Force Hqts in the "Sergeant Maginot Caserne"—under canvas—early in September of 1944—almost 26 years later), Fresnes en Woevre, Troyon, Lacroix, St. Mihiel and on to the hillside, plains and marshlands facing Mont Sec. Vegetation is endeavoring to erase the destruction of 1917-18 but many evidences are still visual for all to see. Ruined houses and farm buildings, trenches caved in, "CT's" stretching in all directions and sapling trees struggling gallantly to regain the majesty of a Forest!

Shortly before lunchtime the road leading from St. Mihiel brought us smack into the town of APREMONT en FORET—Date APRIL 22, 1949—Twenty-six years and ten days since the 104th Infantry, 26th Division AEF, first "tangled" with the HUNS! Back in BOSTON—the Veterans of that Regiment of WW-I were preparing to celebrate their traditional APREMONT DAY! (Honest, fellas, I PLANNED it THAT WAY!)

APREMONT—a sleepy little wide-spot-in-the-road. The SKINNER MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN still furnishing a flow of water to the villagers with cans and buckets but at the moment, patronized by a half dozen children of a Gypsy Caravan parked alongside the road on the way to Mont Sec. An American car in such an unusual place aroused their curiosity and getting out to photograph the fountain we were immediately surrounded by kids—popeyed, but still asking the usual "Chocolat—Bon Bon?"—while their elders somewhat sheepishly accepted cigarettes "Americane" from this roving YANKEE! The Grandmother of the outfit muttering "Bonheur! Bonheur!" (Good Luck, Good Luck!) was somewhat shocked when I responded in French with "Merci beaucoup Granmere, j'ai porte le bonheur de Apremont depuis vingt-six ans et pendant deux guerres!" (Thanks, Grandma! I've carried the good luck of Apremont for 26 years and through 2 Wars!)

The road to BOUCONVILLE passed the marshland and the swamp which was directly in front of our positions of C Co, 104th when the "scrap" started, April 10, 1918 and a bit further was the wall of the Chateau bordering the lake where a grenade now and then used to augment with fish, the rations which the cooks managed to drag out of those steaming (?) pots. Here was the place where Lt. Harmon patrolled with only a cane leading the Second Platoon. Here too, I once saw and heard "Tanglefoot" Hornibrook lose a rubber boot and fall flat on his face during a patrol, making noise enough to wake the dead. Fortunately at that time, the KRAUTS must have been getting a little "sack-time" or they were all back of Mont Sec to a Movie, leavng only the "old man and his two sons" to run the Sector. An excellent place for a long shot of Mont Sec with the telephoto lens on the camera and another with a wide angle lens covering the area APREMONT to RAMBACOURT. In BOUCONVILLE, the billet occupied by the 1st Platoon had the same "1 Officer—10 Men" sign on the right hand side of the door that was there 26 years ago. In the doorway however, was a buxon French woman in wooden farm shoes, a couple of youngsters tugging at her skirts. The manure pile was above the window-sill. A sign of the family prosperity!

(To be continued in Next Issue)

## 31st Anniversary Of St. Mihiel

To Editor Yankee Doings, Sept. 13, 1949
Dear Comrade—

I note in the current issue of "Doings" a suggestion that the Y. D. Memorial at Camp Edwards be uprooted and moved to the Boston Public Gardens. The article ends with the question. "What is your opinion?"

My answer is strongly in the negative.

The Memorial was set up in 1941 honoring the spirit of the Y. D.—Past, Present and Future. It was then and is now a memorial by Y. D. men for their own membership more than for the general public. It was then intended to graphically show to the men of the 26th Division that they were not merely another division training for combat, but they were the Y. D. with a gallant record in battle. Now that record has been further enhanced by the valor of the Y. D. in World War II. If the Memorial stays at Camp Edwards it will continue to inspire succeeding ranks of the 26th Division as they perform their summer training there in the years to come and remind them that they are not casual summer soldiers, but members of the Y. D. a division with a glorious history. I say leave the Memorial at Camp Edwards to perform its high mission there. If the citizens of Boston wish to place a memorial to the Y. D. men of World War I and World War II in the Boston Public Gardens by all means have them do so, but don't tamper with the Memorial at Camp Edwards.

Eliot A. Carter,
Past National Commander.

## Report Of National Hospital Chairman

Lt. General Willard S. Paul, who commanded the Yankee Division in World War II and is now the Honorary National Commander of the Y.D.V.A. retired at the start of the year from the Army, and was immediately appointed a National Vice-Chairman of the American Red Cross. His present duties call for him to travel all over the country visiting the various veteran hospitals. Since he is particularly interested in and goes out of his way to look up YD men in the various hospitals, he has very kindly offered to do the detail work in looking up and arranging for the Red Cross to assist these men. We gladly accept General Paul's kind offer and say "More power to you. General!"

Frank Brennan, regimental sergeant major of the 101st Infantry in World War II and now secretary of the 101st Infantry Veterans' Association is confined to the Veterans' Hospital at West Roxbury, Mass. Drop him a line.

Note: All chapters are requested to forward to the Hospital Chairman at National Headquarters a note of any members who are confined to the hospital. We will gladly publish their names and any other notes sent to us.

Frank C. White,
*Chairman.*

# DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

**National Commander: Edward J. McCormack, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.**
**National Secretary: H. Guy Watts, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.**

## DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

**Dep't. Commander: Albert C. Maxwell, 15 Gardner Road, Reading, Mass.**
**Secretary: Clyde H. Norton, 27 Kingsbury Avenue, Bradford, Mass.**

### STATE MEETING

Meeting opened by Commander Maxwell in Memorial Hall, Northampton at 3:10 P.M., P. N. C. Turgeon and Commander Kneeland of the Northampton Chapter escorted to the Commanders Station.

Roll call showed seven officers, Comm. J. V. C., Sec., Treas., Chaplain S. O., and sgt-at-arms present. Also nine Chapters represented, Athol-Orange, Boston, Fitchburg, Gloucester, Haverhill, Northampton, Reading, Springfield and Worcester.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Treasurers report balance $55.32.

Various comrades reported sick, with the sugges-

tion that nearby Chapters and members of their old outfit visit or send cards.

P. N. C. Turgeon reported on Meeting of National Executive Committee. New Chapters should be visited by Dept. District Representative. Matter of Comrade Maloney referred to Service Officer Nute. Matter of the Gloucester end of Route 128 referred to Commander Maxwell with the instructions that it is the desire of this Department that the entire length of 128 be called Yankee Division Highway and not broken into other names.

Voted that the matter of changing Article XIV, Constitution and By-Laws of this Department to be taken up at the November Meeting and the various Chapters so notified. The effect of the proposed change would make Demeter's Manual of Parliamentary Law and Procedure the authority in place of the one now mentioned.

Various members of the Springfield Chapter spoke on the advantages of a Past Commanders Club. Told what a help it was to a Chapter.

Voted to accept the invitation to hold the November Meeting in Fitchburg, November 6th, and the January Meeting with Worcester on January 8th, 1950. This latter is the second Sunday as the first Sunday is a holiday.

Respectfully submitted,

—Clyde H. Norton,
*Department Secretary.*

## BEVERLY

**Commander: Edward W. Prisby**
**61 Winthrop Avenue, Beverly, Mass.**

**Secretary-Treasurer: Daniel L. Haskell**
**406 Cabot Street, Beverly, Mass.**

September 12th,—Commander Prisby opened an informal meeting of Beverly Chapter with the salute to the colors, in the quarters of "EARLE T. WARDELL" Post No. 12, American Legion at the usual time. The lack of a quorum and business other than the acceptance of an invitation to the installation of Officers of Post No. 12 jointly with its Auxiliary Unit, which is to be held at the Jewish Community Hall on Tuesday evening, Sept. 27th at 8:00 P.M., was the main issue. A general gab-fest was entered into by those present, resulting in a motion that the meeting of Oct. 3rd, be in the nature of an open one and to be held at the "WOODBURY TAVERN", with a supper at 6:30 P. M., followed by a general talk or what have you.

Comrade Bruce Lancaster (Bty A, 101st F. A., WWI) now gave us a most enlightening and interesting talk; interspersed with questions, which were ably answered; on his procedure in securing all the necessary data, etc., in preparing his manuscripts for the publishers; the steps taken to assure himself that small details were accurate, so that no criticism could be thrown his way; the ground covered in traveling to distant places from his home to procure from many sources, the historical items necessary; the excellent assistance received from public and private libraries, and individuals in locating and loaning him private diaries, maps and such items to further his research for the most authentic and accurate data, and many other such matters which go into the making of his works. He also acquainted us without divulging any professional secrets, as to how his contract with the publisher was obtained, and how royalties were agreed upon, and many other matters relative to his profession were arrived at. The talk for the most part centered upon the publication of the "SCARLET PATCH", and, while on the subject, this patch which was worn on the Kepies of the officers of an outfit in the "CIVIL WAR" was the origination of the present day insignia, and which during World Wars 1 and 2 was that of the 5th or "RED DIAMOND" division.

It was a wonderfully entertaining and well put talk, and those present were well repaid for listening to "Bruce's" discourse, and certainly appreciated his willingness to let us in on his professional doings. The gathering broke up at around 10:30 P. M., with the members giving Bruce their thanks for a well spent evening. Your Secretary hopes to have more of this kind of a meeting, IF the members as a whole will get out and show the Officers that they wish this kind of meeting. Come on down to the meetings, all YD'ers and help the cause along. Remember the old outfit, and "KEEP THE YD ALIVE.

—Daniel L. Haskell

## BOSTON

**Commander: Ralph A. Palladino**
**333 Rutherford Ave., Charlestown, Mass.**

**Secretary: H. Guy Watts**
**200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.**

An overflowing crowd attended the joint installation of the 101st and the YD Veterans Association Officers. Held on the same night as the regular Monthly Smoker.

P. N. C. Fred Jones installed President William Connors and his officers of the 101st Inf. Vets. Assoc., and P. N. C. Ralph Turgeon installed National Commander Edward J. McCormack and the National Officers of the YDVA. The only Speakers were National Commander's brother, Majority Leader of the House, John W. McCormack and James M. Curley, Mayor of Boston.

At the Annual Convention of the Army and Navy Legion of Valor held at Asbury Park, N. J., Sept. 11 to 14, 1949, one of our members, James G. Walsh was elected National Commander for the coming year.

Jim Walsh, who now resides at 50 Patten St., Jamaica Plain is an Attorney and Director of the personnel division of the Comptrollers Department, State of Massachusetts.

During World War I he served as a member of Co D, 101st Engineers and was awarded the D.S.C. for services during the Aisne-Marne campaign, July 16-18, 1918. Good luck Jim. We know that under your capable leadership the Legion of Valor is due for its biggest year.

## GLOUCESTER CHAPTER

**Commander: Samuel L. Colby**
**4 Dexter Place, Gloucester, Mass.**
**Secretary: Thomas C. Nolan**
**Story Road, Magnolia, Mass.**

Now that Labor Day has passed and the Fish Town is back to normal we are returning to our Winter schedule of two meetings a month, the first and third Thursdays. We are still house guests of the Gloucester Chapter D. A. V. and are sincerely grateful to them for their kindness.

The Summer mouths did not find us inactive, even if our attempts were unsuccessful in attempting to have the Bridge named and dedicated in honor of all Gloucester Veterans—If you think "you can't beat City Hall", try getting a fair shake at the State House!—Locally, our Resolution had the support of twenty nine organizations, whose membership totaled between 9000 and 12000, plus such outstanding individuals as, Secretary of Labor Tobin; Lt. Gov. Sullivan; General Ross, and Sen. Pres. Chester A. Dolan, Jr., all of whom shared our opinion that the Bridge should honor all veterans of all wars rather than anyone individual or veteran. Senator Dolan did everything that was humanly possible to assist us and championed our cause to the end, we feel that we owe him a debt of gratitude that we can never repay. Now we are going to try to have the Act (HB 862) rescinded, how much success this will meet with we don't know but at least we are going to try. This seem to be all for now, except to say if any of you lads are wondering about any of the Gloucester gang, just drop us a line and we'll try to locate them for you.

—Tom Nolan.

## DANVERS

**Commander: Webster L. Blanchard**
**38 Locust Street, Danvers, Mass.**
**Secretary: Charles W. Davis**
**21 Holten St., Danvers, Mass.**

Danvers Chapter held their Annual Clambake Saturday, August 27th, at the home of our First Commander Harold Williams and what a clambake.

We had 26 out and just as an idea of what we ate yours truly polished off three quarts clams, two lobsters, a half a chicken and wound up with a slice of ice cold watermelon plus liquid refreshments, if I ate that what did the rest of the gang eat. We have not had a clambake since 1944. Hello Bill Forsyth remember, that one, I was thinking of you and the Mrs. well, it sure was a success, Harold sure knows his clambakes. Am sending photo for Yankee Doings, which Danvers Chapter will pay for, just send me the bill, Guy.

Well, we have 38 paid-up, come on the rest of you twelve, who paid last year. I know you don't want to drop out of Y.D. so just send in the check. If you feel about Y.D. as I do it is worth 2 Bucks of anybodys dough to belong to Y.D.

We will open up our regular monthly meeting at Mrs. Pikes Inn Wednesday, September 21st, and will meet the third Wednesday of each month thereafter. Well before signing off I might add that the Y.D. Chapter owe a whale of applause to Mrs. Williams for her wonderful support and kindness to us in helping make our clambake such a success. Thanks a lot Peg, you are a great Y.D. wife and thanks to the committee who helped Harold and last but not least, to a great Y.D. guy Harold B. Williams.

—C. W. Davis.

## HAVERHILL
## YDVA AUXILIARY

**President: Florence L. Tarleton**
**18 Chestnut Street, Groveland, Mass.**
**Secretary: Ruth Meteyer**
**36 Old Groveland Road, Bradford, Mass.**

Despite the heat, Haverhill Auxiliary has had a very busy summer. On July 23rd chapter and auxiliary members, and friends, attended a Bean Supper and Social at the home of Past Dept. Commander and Mrs. Ernest A. Meteyer. This project was for the benefit of the Department Auxiliary. The proceeds $50.00 was presented to the Department Auxiliary on Sunday, September 11, and is to be used towards the purchase of a Television set for some Veterans' Hospital.

Plans are progressing for a Testimonial Dinner for Dept. Pres. Carrie Rowell who is a member of the Haverhill Auxiliary, Saturday, October 1.

The annual Cedar Chest drawing will be held November 9, at a Bazaar. Members are busy filling the chest with sheets, pillow slips, towels, blankets, spreads, etc.

Commander and Mrs. J. Dennis Commeau, President Florence Tarleton and W. Perry Tarleton, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Burnham, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Martin, Dept. Pres. Carrie Rowell and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meteyer attended the Department meeting in Northampton. The next department meeting will be in Haverhill October 2, and ladies — do attend!

—Ruth Meteyer, *Secretary*.

## LYNN

**Commander: Edwin W. Streeter**
**233 Broadway, East Lynn, Mass.**
**Secretary: Edmond Trudell**
**67 Howard St., Lynn, Mass.**

With the hot weather gone, activities are on the upgrade at Lynn Chapter. Our monthly smokers are still going strong with S.V.C. Charles Benway doing a grand job in providing some real entertainment.

Commander Edwin Streeter represented the Chapter at the recent dedication of our new and beautiful Memorial City Hall and others taking part were: Robert Newman, Sheldon Goodwin and Ray Doucette.

Plans are now underway for our 30th Annual Armistice Eve Banquet and Ball to be held at the Oxford Club on November 10th. Thomas Curran was appointed chairman and he in turn appointed Edmond Trudell as Secretary and A. Raymond Doucette as Treasurer and others assisting are: Leon Varnam, Edwin Streeter, Charles Benway, Charles Scanlon, Eustis Grimes, Walter Smith, Leonard Burnham, Sheldon Goodwin and William Eddows.

The Chapter also voted to once again hold its Annual Christmas Party at Chelsea Soldiers Home Hospital and Ray Doucette once again will act as chairman assisted by Eustis Grimes, Charles Scanlon, Ed Trudell, Charles Benway, Leonard Burnham, William Eddows, Marshall Taylor, George Walton, Eben Bruning, Walter Smith, Sheldon Goodwin, Leon Varnam, Thomas Curran, Lewin Barrowclough, Francis Tetlow, Claude Hoag, Oliver Nichols, Richard Hennessey, Leslie Pugh, Alphonse Adrien, Joseph Jackman, Edward Nicholson, Newton Courtney, Harold Guppy, Earl Bailey, Percy Paige, Clayton Pevear, Joseph Sewell, George Merrill, Charles Balcom, Robert Newman and Robert Quinn.

William Eddows was appointed chairman of committee to raise funds for the Christmas Party.

—THE DUKE.

## NEW BEDFORD

**Commander: Joseph M. Blanchette**
**376 Coggeshall Street, New Bedford, Mass.**
**Secretary: Dester D. DuBois**
**106 Arnold St., New Bedford, Mass.**

The September 13th meeting was called off, because the quarters at 610 Purchase Street, was being renovated and it should be ready for the October meeting. Commander Blanchette hopes to have a good attendance at this winter's meeting and is planning to have short meetings and more entertainment. So check the 2nd Tuesday of each month for the Y. D.

Yours truly is on vacation now but will be on the ball next month.

## READING

**Chateau-Thierry Chapter**
**Commander: Arthur W. Curtin**
**75 Harrison Street, Reading, Mass.**

**Secretary: Stanley R. Gerard**
**101 Hanscom Avenue, Reading, Mass.**

The officers of this chapter are seeking invitations to attend neighboring meetings for the purpose of acquiring new ideas on how to entertain, what to serve, and what to offer for programs, with the idea of putting some life into Chateau-Thierry Chapter. Failing this, could we have suggestions from chapters which have had success in rounding up all their members into a live, active organization.

With pleasure we welcome Frank Gallagher, F Co., 101st Inf. into this Chapter. Frank has a successful electrical business here in Reading.

—Jerry Gerard.

## SPRINGFIELD

**Commander: Luther D. Hackett**
**26 Bernard Street, Springfield, Mass.**

**Secretary: Hugo M. Scagliarini**
**165 Middlesex St., Springfield, Mass.**

Now that we have had two regular meetings under our belts, we in Springfield are just about ready for business both serious and otherwise.

First of all, Bob Beach was appointed a trustee to fill out the term of Ray Fuller who resigned a short time ago.

At the last meeting the body voted to have a draught beer unit installed in the club and this should make quite a few within the membership very happy. Frankly speaking, we are going to need quite a number of draught-beer drinkers as this unit has to be paid for, as this club does not derive any benefits from the Marshall Plan.

Senior Vice-Commander Bolack, a real worker for the Y. D. has some swell plans for the third floor of the club. He expects to get hold of a pool table and the rest of the space will be utilized for a first rate reading room. Comrade Bolack also begged enough paint to put one coat on the club building, so now it stands out like a beacon as it sits on the hill, but what we need up there is a magnet for a more drawing effect, if you get what I mean.

A Post Commanders Club has been formed and their sole desire is to help the chapter in any way they can, especially in the raising of money, for worthy projects to improve the clubhouse. Their first venture will be a steak roast on October 9, and any profits from this and any other affairs that they hold will go towards installing a bar downstairs where it belongs. These men are sincere in wanting to help and to quiet those who might think otherwise, the current commander and any future commanders will be invited to sit in all of their meetings.

Of course the Auxiliary will not be sitting around doing nothing. I know for sure those good-looking women of the Y. D. have a few card parties lined up and everyone attending has a good time.

At our last meeting, a former member from "C" Co. 104th WW II, Captain Lor gave an interesting talk on his activities since leaving the 26th back in 1942, especially the remarks on Japan, right now he is a part of the 9th Division at Camp Dix. After the meeting Captain Lor and Luke Hackett, our commander, had quite a chit-chat, as Luke was his first sargeant back in those days during 1941 and 1942. Major Risely is back from his Alaskan tour of duty and I'm sure the members would appreciate a visit from him.

—Hugo M. Scagliarini.

## WORCESTER

**Commander: David M. Hayes**
**161 Cambridge Street, Worcester, Mass.**
**Secretary: Patrick J. Hawthorne**
**141 Lincoln Street, Worcester, Mass.**

After a short recess in activities and meetings, the Worcester chapter has rolled up its sleeves and were ready to face the coming Fall and Winter campaigns with each and every member being his own General. The calendar for the next six months will keep all members YD minded night and day. After thirty years as an all male chapter, we have finally turned co-ed with the ambitious ladies voted in to form an auxiliary. They started off with a bang a week after they were given the go ahead signal, by conducting a Military Whist. Over 150 were present.

Speaking about being ambitious, Joltin Joe McGee, G Co. 101st WW I, has won the honor of being "MR. AMBITION OF 1949". Joe is the spark plug that keeps things in working condition around the club. He should feel very proud when he hears the many fine comments the public makes as to the cleanliness and general upkeep of the club.

We all wish to welcome Gene Gilliam back. Gene

was on the sick roster for a period at the Cushing General Hospital . . . Freddy Jones our Past National Commander, was elected to the rank of General Chairman of the YDVA National Convention Committee, without opposition. You all remember the bang-up time you had here a few years ago? . . . Well next June you will all have the opportunity to visit the Heart of the Commonwealth and pick up where you left off . . . It runs in the family. Or should we say, chips off the old block.

Bill Leahey, Co. G. 101st Inf. WW I, has Bill, Jr., at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Bill is a Captain and was transferred recently from the proving grounds at Aberdeen, Md. Capt. Bill started with Co. B, Emmett Guards, 181st Inf. in 1938. He was commissioned in 1942 and served as a commander of an ordnance company for 39 months in the Pacific area. He received his permanent captaincy earlier this year. Not to be out-done by his big brother Bill, another of the Leaheys, St. Sgt. Paul, is attending officers training school at Fort Riley, Kansas. Both are members of this chapter.

The annual YD clambake was held this month at the Shrewsbury rifle range, with a large turnout on hand. Tasty clams, fried chicken that melted as it touched your mouth and that Lobster, WOW. Everyone had so much to eat, one would think we dug them up at the range. Comrade Dunn and his able assistants did well and the meal they dished out will long be remembered.

The above cartoon made up by our honorary member Al Banx of the Worcester Telegram and Evening Gazette, pictures one of the highlights of our recent annual clambake.

It seems that the chairman of the Bake for this year, the one and only Bill (Bullets) Dunn, took the advice of our man of all work around the local club in obtaining the necessary rocks used in the foundation of any New England Clambake with the results pictured above.

All was well until the truck manned by Past Commander Russell and the two aid de camps Mike Shea retired police officer and the aforementioned McGee set out on a sunny morning to pick up the stones *but* arrived at the wrong field. Needless to say, after sweating it out placing the boulders in the Russell Excavating Co. truck for about two hours—lo and behold who would come along but the guy who owned the field and commanded our heros to take each and every rock out of the aforementioned truck and place them in the order on the wall in which they found them. The only reason that the law was not enforced probably was that the owner of the field recognized that they were veterans of World War I and a lot of water has passed over the dam since that little fracas was settled.

Moral: When looking for stones for a Clambake be sure and go to the right field.

The Bake was a success and we had the pleasure of having as our guest our National Commander, Edward J. (Knocko) McCormack, his lovely wife Mae, and his Sgt.-at-arms, Cowboy Jim Sullivan.

# DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

**Dep't. Commander: M. Patrick Healey, 41 Washington St., New London, Conn.**
**Dep't. Secretary: H. Leroy Woodcock, 94 Elmwood Ave., Waterbury, Conn.**

## STATE MEETING

Meeting called to order at 3:45 by Commander Patrick Healey.

Roll Call—Officers 7 Chapters 6

As there was not a quorum of Chapters (7) present, no official business was transacted.

Commander Healey reported on the Picnic and Field Day held by the New York Chapter which he attended, also the National Executive Meeting held in Worcester.

P. D. C. Bill Thompson announced Mont Sec Chapter of Bristol will hold their meeting and entertainment at the YD Club House in Plainville, December 2, 1949.

Jack Farquhar, Commander of the Dept. of the East, spoke at length on the National Executive Committee meetings.

P.D.C. Wm. Thompson, following up Jack Farquhar's talk on National Executive Meetings, stated that it was very imperative that Chapter Commanders and Past Dept. Commanders, attend as many of these meetings as possible, as many important subjects will be brought up.

Meeting adjourned 5:05 P.M.

—H. Leroy Woodcock, *Sec.*

## BRIDGEPORT

**Commander: Charles H. Cockerton**
**78 Jerusalem Hill**
**Bridgeport, Conn.**

**Secretary: Samuel B. Zolo**
**1928 Seaview Avenue**
**Bridgeport, Conn.**

The Chapter started their meeting after having the summer off. It was well attended by many old timers and some of the younger ones who were able to get to the meetings. The reason the young fellows give for not attending is "Oh they got married." But that reason did not stop one of our most active young workers Bill O'Neal, Jr., from working hard for the Chapter's State Committee, where he holds office and works hard and not only that, but, Mrs. O'Neal does a good share of the work with him. So let that be something for the other WW II boys to remember and do as good.

At the meeting, plans were made for a number of things to be done. An Armistice Day Dinner and many other plans were laid that will keep the boys on the go and well entertained.

Reports were made, and we are glad to hear that our Comrade Chick Clark who has been very sick is better and that we are all glad to hear it, keep it up Chick. Best of Luck.

So is Erney May who was on a crutch for sometime was reported getting along better, and our Sammy Marcus is up and around. The old question about him is asked again, what makes *Sammy* Run but he does. So keep it up we are glad to see you Sammy.

It was with deep sorrow that we sent flowers to the funeral held for the son of our Dr. and Mrs. Charles H. Sprague who was brought back to West Point 16 years to the day, July 1st when he entered the Academy.

In his letter of thanks to the Chapters he writes among other things:

The flowers spoke to us of the thoughtfulness and sympathy that we know dwells in the hearts of Y. D. men everywhere.

The spirit of the Y. D. is ever so typical of the traditions of steadfastness and record of courage and achievement.

—Samuel B. Zolo.

## HARTFORD

**Commander: John R. Edwards**
**77 No. Quaker Lane**
**West Hartford 7, Conn.**

**Secretary: Carroll B. Case**
**23 Harvard St., Hartford 6, Conn.**

No one seems to know just who is responsible for sending in the monthly report to Doings, so once again here goes.

Our September meeting was not too well attended as many of the boys were still away on vacation.

Sam Tubin had a fine spread for the gang. Nice going Sam.

What happened to Earle Murphy? He visited with the boys before the meeting but failed to make the meeting.

PNC Ed Miller was still at Boothbay, Maine.

PC Bill Sullivan had to go on special duty so missed the meeting.

John Curtin PC has arranged a special program for the October meeting.

PC John Goss has retired from the postal service and will have lots more time on membership for our Chapter.

Commander Dick Edwards will appoint the committee for our annual party which will be held early in February.

It is the duty of each and every member to assist the officers in bringing in those members who have not sent in their dues. Have you done your part?

Howard Titus and his Mrs. have moved into their new home in Rocky Hill. Good Luck folks.

Help our National Commander make his year a big one by sending in your dues. They are Due.

—Spoons.

## MERIDEN

**"Feegel-Tyler" Chapter**
**Commander: William Vallery**
**Hotel Petrose, 12 Pratt St.**
**Meriden, Conn.**

**Secretary: Earl Carter**
**100 Madison Ave. Ext., Meriden, Conn.**

Seems to be sickness everywhere among the local Y.D. Some of the members, or the Mrs. are in the Hospital, or some member of the family. Here's hoping for a speedy recovery for all.

First meeting of Fall and Winter was held. Small attendance, but interesting. The ladies are planning some card parties, also a rummage sale in November. One lady is donating 125 ties and that should bring in a few dollars. If you have anything good to give away, dial 7-4066 and it will be called for.

About ten members have not paid their dues and sorry to report that most of them are Past-Commanders. How about setting a good example you PC's.

—Earl Carter.

## NORWALK CHAPTER

**Commander: Winford T. Smith**
**2 Stevens Street, Norwalk, Conn.**

**Secretary: Albert W. Herman**
**3 Alden Avenue, East Norwalk, Conn.**

Our first meeting after the summer vacation was held Thursday nite September 15, at the dugout. Due to the absence of Commander Smith on account of sickness, the Senior Vice Commander Cleveland Brown opened the meeting in regular form. There was a very good attendance at the meeting. Visitors were present from the Stamford Chapter. Under new business the chapter voted to make arrangements for an Armistice Banquet to be held Saturday, November 12th at a place to be selected. The following were appointed by the acting commander to make the necessary arrangements: P.C. Samuel Polley, chairman; P.C. Henry Woods and Jr. Vice Com. David Norkin. Past experiences have proven that those fellows know how to handle any YD gathering large or small. We hope to see our commander on deck before the next meeting rolls around, because we can't afford having good men away from our meetings.

P.C. Sam Polley sold out his gas station, he now operates a first class cigar store in So. Norwalk.

Captain William Whitney has both of his sons working for him now, real nice partnership.

Elwood Broadway one swell P.C. is back at his old stand in the gas business.

Stewart Scofield, is a real gentleman farmer up in Millerton, N. Y. Pays his dues to Norwalk Chapter.

Anthony Carrione is still making the best hats in the world. Dobbs.

David Norkin, WW II, is in the grocery business in Norwalk, and the rest of us are just plain working. More news items next month.

—Albert Herman.

## NEW HAVEN

**Commander: Louis J. Popolizio**
**22 Clay Street, New Haven, Conn.**

**Secretary: Maurice N. Smith**
**58 Montowese St., Branford, Conn.**

DEDICATED TO THE YD ABSENTEES

They are gone but not forgotten,
They are in our memory still
The boys that left their native land
To conquer Kaiser Bill,
They fought in the thick of battle
From Chemin Des Dames to beyond Verdun
And they weren't relieved till the war was won.

Now, I ask you Buddy if you recall the day you got your YD Insignia for your left shoulder in September 1918, we were proud then and we should be more so now and forever. Now as I sit back and close my eyes and gaze upon that lonely stretch of land in the vicinity of Meaux and relieving the Second Division comprising the Ninth and 23rd Inf. 5th, & 6th marines, around July 5th to the 18th, the 20th

and 21st the wheat fields of Chateau Thierry were left behind, taking Epieds, Trugny, and clearing the woods behind it. Then when roll call came, after that there was no answer from Corpl. Paul T. Mike, Joe, Tom. Arvie and Wendy, Clarke, Basta Imhoff, and several others I do not recall their names plus sixty percent of my outfit that were wounded including myself, you see, those boys didn't get the chance to wear the patch, but we who did, had the opportunity to see our colors decorated by French headquarters 32nd army corps, 6th army French, 2nd Colonial Corps French, cited by general headquarters AEF several times, commended by general headquarters again and again.

Now I ask you Buddy, to close your eyes for a moment and pick out a buddy of yours that fell near you, have him whisper in your ears, where is that YD patch. What are you going to say to that? Let me say it for you. I came home alive, to Hell with the YD, that's what a lot of boys said when they got discharged, they didn't want no part of anything, maybe because they were put to the terrible ordeal of knocking off a few Krauts, the food was lousy and not much of it, long hikes, full of kooties, the officers were no good, that is where you were wrong buddy, they were just as scared as you were, and weren't we all. Now wait a minute, I think we all volunteered for the job over there just so they didn't get over here, but we were all wrong when we said this was the war to end all wars, maybe, but the Bible will tell you we were wrong, quote, WW II.

You will take note to the column in the inside of the last page called "Taps", it seems to get bigger every time I look there, but don't get scared, we all must go sometime, but wouldn't it be better if some of your own buddies with the patch on their shoulders, tuck you in with the rites you really deserve and a job well done. Who knows, I may be the next one, furthermore I don't believe what you said about the Y.D., you know deep down in your heart that there is a feeling for your old outfit. Well then, it seems that wherever you are there must be a chapter within your community that meets the second Thursday of each month. When you go by, don't just look in, go in and see what they need. Help out it's not a one man's job, there is no glory for any one but YDers pay your dues on time, attend their meetings and don't forget it may be your best friend or neighbor who would give any amount to belong to that outfit with the YD on its shoulder.

Machine Gunner.

## WINDHAM COUNTY

**Commander: Robert P. Frailey**
**45 Mountain Street, Willimantic, Conn.**

**Secretary: Gardiner H. Hall**
**South Willington, Conn.**

With all summer vacations over and the "Old Crowd" ready to go again, it is with pleasure to open our First meeting since last June with the Annual Past Commanders Nite on September 17th. The old reliables were on hand, plus three or four we don't see too often and among these boys were Mike Yuszchak, Jesse Peloquin, Chris Christiansen and Henry Gilbert. Come around more often you men. The party was very much of a success, not too big (we had planned it that way), but there was an abundance of good fellowship and that YD Spirit we hear too little about. Thanks to the men who helped to plan the party and our sincere thanks to the women folks who put on the delicious supper for us. Isn't it true gang that the women make the party. Our guests included National Commander Edward (Knocko) McCormack and Big Jim Sullivan of Boston who both dished out a lot of interesting and valuable facts about YD. One thing can be said for certain that Knocko will get our support 100% for anything he wishes to do, that is for the good old YDVA. Dept. Commander Pat Healey and his Sgt.-at-Arms were also present. Pat laid it mildly, but seriously, when he asked for better support from us for State meetings. Pat also asked for a Department meeting in Willimantic. He will have it, but the date will be determined later. Fine entertainment secured by Harold Gray was well received and many thanks to you Harold. The orchestra under the direction of Wendall Moshier, son of P. C. Moshier was all that could be desired. All in all this party was an outstanding success. Now we sat down for the long grind of keeping the wheels of YD turning for the next few months. It's time our local gang got on the Ball and did some serious planning for the future.

Lloyd Gray, son of Harold Gray is now in Japan connected with the security section of the Army.

Bob Hall of California is hoping for a transfer back east and hopes to land in Westover Field. Tom Delaney was recently laid up for a few days but is OK again. Doc Keating was recently appointed local Physician for Boxing in this section.

—G. H. H.

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# DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

**Dep't. Commander: Michael J. Dell Isola, 34 Park Ave., Nashua, N. H.**
**Secretary: John Cheeson, Ashland St., Nashua, N. H.**

## NASHUA

**Commander: John V. Chesson**
**2 Ashland St., Nashua, N. H.**

**Secretary: Eugene A. Laflame,**
**Box 146, Nashua, N. H.**

Nashua Chapter Y.D.V.A. at a meeting held September 15, went on record as being unalterably opposed to removing the Memorial at Camp Edwards to Boston, or any other location.

The Memorial to which Y.D. Veterans from all over New England and other parts of the Country have contributed, was to serve as an inspiration to active members of the 26th Division from year to year as long as the Division may live.

There is no better place for that purpose than the Camp where active training is conducted.

If Boston Members of the Y.D.V.A. wish a memorial in Boston for the benefit of the general public, let them get after the State or City Government to erect it.

The present memorial belongs at Camp Edwards.

—John V. Chesson, *Commander, Nashua Chapter Y. D. V. A.*

## MANCHESTER

**Commander: Archie J. Vigneault**
**11 W. Appleton Street, Manchester, N. H.**

**Secretary: Henry P. Paris**
**155 St. James Avenue, Manchester, N. H.**

The first fall meeting of the Chapter was held on September 14th at the Manchester Post A. L. quarters. Despite the threatening thunderstorm which went to the north of us, a good crowd of the fellows were there.

Under sick call, comrades Jack Taylor, Clarence Byam, Gene Dugas and Henry Paris were reported ill.

Under New Business, Comrade Vigneault stated that plans were in the making for either a dance or some form of fund raising campaign.

After the meeting refreshments was served by the Committee, headed by Arthur Gilmore.

Grandpa Scotty Blair is still talking about his grandchildren: the twins.

After 30 years, our Commander Charles Weaver has been awarded a Purple Heart, thru the efforts of the Chapter. 'Service to one another' should be our watchword. —W. E. M.

# DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

**Dep't. Commander: Joseph L. Bourget, RFD No. 1, Saylesville, R. I.**
**Dep't. Secretary: Howard W. Hunt, 25 Greene St., Pawtucket, R. I.**

## PAWTUCKET

**Commander: Walter J. Misewicz**
**16 Samoset Avenue, Central Falls, R. I.**

**Secretary: John R. Moran**
**394 Daggett Avenue, Pawtucket, R. I.**

Apremont Chapter meets in the Major Walter G. Gatchell Post 306, Veteran's of Foreign Wars, corner of Blake and Fountain Streets until further notice. Third Thursday of the Month, at 8:00 P.M.

Well the comrades are on the move again as you notice, the new quarters we had, were short lived, the City has made an administration building out of our quarters for the school department, they have offered two or three places to pick from and the committee is working along these lines. You will hear more about this in your future notices.

The Chapter started off their fall meeting with a bang and we had a good attendance. We had the department meeting and members and their wives were there from Kent County, Providence and the newly formed Chapter in Westerly, R. I. Department Commander Joseph L. Bourget is planning activities for the winter months and Commander Misewicz appointed Albert Plant, Arnold E. Beech and John R. Moran as a committee from the Chapter to work with the State committee.

Comrade Alphonse Marchand and Horace Tildsley who moved out to California have joined the Los Angeles Chapter, according to the letter from the Secretary of the Chapter. No matter what part of the country you go to you will find a Y.D. Chapter, so look them up.

Johnny O'Conner Postmaster up in Ashton who has been a patient in the New Veteran's Hospital in Providence attended the meeting with Bob Whyte,

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who dug him out of his hibernation. This is the first time Johnny has been to the meetings in thirty years and there was quite a reunion with some of the comrades of his outfit. He is on the road to recovery and thanks the chapter. Any crib players in the outfit?

Chairman John L. Mallon has appointed yours truly as Captain of the team, with E. Neale Darry and Earl F. Dearman. We need 10 players, so send your names to me (we mean crib players and good).

Plans are being made for the Department's Annual memorial services which will take place the first Sunday before Armistice Day. Providence chapter, the host chapter put this in your must book. Department Chaplain Homer W. Poirier and the Chaplains from the chapters are the committee.

By the time you read this, Armistice Day will be upon us, plans are being made to turn out as a unit to get the dust off the colors and it might do us good to turn out and get some of the dust off of us, I love a parade.

Johnny Mallon has gone out of business at his old stand but still has Y.D. auto tail lights at his home, 56 Sabin Street. He is now with the Royal Cab Co. if you want a cab see Johnny, he knows all the bright spots, he guarantees this.

The membership is going up, but not fast enough. Any comrade that knows any of the new comrades of World War Two send in their names and we will contact them.

We thank the Major Walter G. Gatchell Post V.F.W. for the courtesies and privileges extended to us for the use of their quarters until we can get established in our own. Refreshments were served after the meeting by Wilfred G. Cote, Joseph L. Marcoux, Co-Chairmen, Harold Pierce, Homer W. Poirier and John L. Mallon. The next meeting of the chapter will take place Thursday Evening, October 20 in the same place.

—John R. Moran,
*Secretary.*

## PROVIDENCE CHAPTER

**Commander: John S. Mitchell**
**52 Calaman Road, Cranston, R. I.**
**Secretary: Howard W. Hunt**
**25 Greene Street, Pawtucket, R. I.**

Providence Chapter meets the first Wednesday in every month. YD visitors always welcome.

Providence Chapter started off its fall activities with just a little pep instead of a good bang. Only seventeen members showed up for the September meeting. In spite of the small turnout the meeting was very interesting. I know Commander Mitchell was somewhat upset by the small gathering. It seems a shame that a Commander and his Officers who try to provide something of interest to the members are rewarded by such little interest. How about it fella's, can't you spare just one night a month for YD?

The Chapters sick list goes up and down. This month the following comrades are reported on the ailing list: Al Smith, recuperating at home; Dr. William J. Clegg, at U. S. Vet's Hospital, Davis Park and still having a rough time of it. Reports are that he is out of danger; Joseph Geary, is reported out of the hospital and a lot better but he still has to get periodic treatments; Bill Cook, at St. Joseph's Hospital with Ulcers; Col. Harold C. Thomas, at the Lahey Clinic for treatment and Joseph O'Brien at the YD Vet's Hospital, Davis Park. Speaking of all these sicknesses, the Chapter formally decided to have a standing Hospital committee to make periodic visits to the Veterans Hospital and to do as much for any YD patients as they possibly can. Comrade Pete England was designated as Liaison Officer between the Hospital and the Chapter and to work with the Chaplain in this regard.

—Howard W. Hunt,
*Secretary.*

## WESTERLY CHAPTER

**Commander: John F. Dadson**
**Post Road, Westerly, R. I.**
**Secretary: Earl B. Lyon**
**Lord's Point, Stonington, Ct.**

Rumors to the left of them: rumors to the right of them—and down through the middle of things—in a straight line—came the NEW gang and the recently installed officers of the Rhode Island Department's "baby" chapter. Now that the smoke has cleared we break down and confess "It wasn't easy". The first big problem was Col. John! The gang wanted him for our first commander.John said "NO" and even threw his rank around to make the order stick. For awhile things looked bad but John didn't know just how tough this gang could be. In one moment of weakness we threw the Col. for his signature on the dotted line-but forgot his eagles. Brother did those eagles howl. All the "gendarmes" from Hopkinton, Hope Valley and nearby towns

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swarmed down on us with complaints to keep the birds in line. John lost control and the eagles went A W O L over to White Rock and we had to appoint a special committee armed with tommy guns to go out and bring the birds in—dead or alive. Fred Kennedy and Doc Sawyer stalked them for two days and finally cornered them on top of the Post Office in Alton. The eagles are being stuffed for decorations and the committee report is very brief. What this writer can not understand is a bill for sixty dollars for broken windows and another from Dr. Agnelli for services rendered for removing buck shot and slugs from "four legs of members of this chapter". Can it be that Fred and Doc is holding out on us regarding this situation?

After getting all the other odds and ends of things straight and heading for our installation date, Bill Wills gets himself all tangled up and almost made it necessary to call off the big event. Bill owns stock in Ballentine, Schaffer and Hanleys so naturally is a great plugger for his own products. What Bill failed to take into consideration was the fact his product will lengthen the size of one's belt line. So on installation eve Bill lost his uniform trousers someplace and had to call out the Westerly Police Reserves to find them. After finding them we found that they lacked five inches from meeting in the front and the alarm was sent out for one piece of blue cloth to make a gusset. We ended up stealing a blue target flag from the Westerly Armory and the bulls eye was centered in the direct middle rear of Bill's tent size pants. We had to watch Fred Kennedy all evening as Fred had a wicked gleam in his eye and a trigger finger that refused to keep still, then to make matters complicated during the installation our new Chaplain Chester Ericson (very nervous by the way) gave forth with the opening prayer and somehow the prayer was hard to understand. After the doings were over this writer checked and found that Chester had mixed up a recent bulletin from the National Guard's Cook School with the prayer. What Chester gave us was a receipt for milligan stew. That's what we get for electing a national guard cook for chapter chaplain. Regardless, we have a grand chapter. At this writing we have twenty members and a potential of at least fifteen more. We have the policy of an open door and on the strength of good comradeship, good fellowship and tolerance—we shall rise or fall.

Our Department Commander Pete Bougett with Past Department Commander Shabbott acting as his sergeant-at-arms installed this gang on September 19th. About thirty members with their wives came down from Providence and the other chapters. We had visitors from local veteran groups and very fine cooperation from the officers of the Harley Chase Post of the V.F.W. We elected the following officers to serve for this year: Commander, Col. John F. Dadson; Senior Vice Commander, Ernest Lewis; Junior Vice Commander, John Brough; Secretary, Earl B. Lyon; Treasurer, Fred Kennedy; Historian, Doc Sawyer; Service Officer, A. E. St Germain; Chaplain, Chester Ericson; Trustees: Maurice Laing, Arthur Clemens, Frederick Bowen, H. R. Finley; Sergeant-at-Arms, Wm. Wills; Color Guards, Roger Nadeau, Fritz Lengel. Our special thanks go to our wives that put on a great feed and did an outstanding job of cooperation with the chapter officers. This committee was headed by Mrs. John Dadson and ably assisted by Mrs. Wm Wills and Mrs. Roger Nadeau.

Our regular meetings will be held at the Westerly State Armory the third Tuesday in each month. We extend to all the officers and members of all the Rhode Island Chapters our invitation to be with us at any of our regular meetings. More of this stuff—every month from now on-in.

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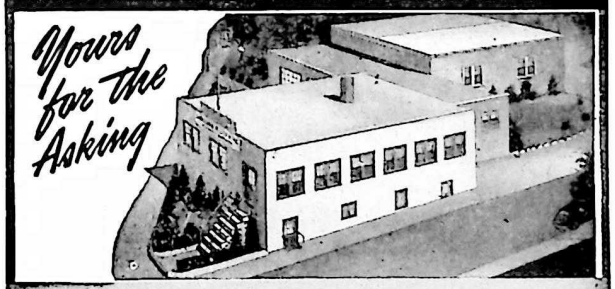


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**Commander: John W. Farquhar**
**75 Woodbine Street, Brooklyn 21, N. Y.**

**Secretary: John O. Copley**
**33 Lafayette Street, New Rochelle, N. Y.**

Once more the whirl of events moves on through another month and near to better and far greater events.

First of all to move backward a bit, a few of our comrades were down to Phillie for the Y.D. dinner. The dinner was excellent and enjoyed very much. Of course, our congenial Commander Jack Farquhar was there as he is at numerous other events. If more commanders would sense this idea of visitation from chapter to chapter I am sure that a great deal more enthusiasm could be gained to touch off and ignite a greater Y.D.

Oh, about greater plans here that have come to a boiling is our dance and Christmas Cheer drawing at "Lost Battalion Hall", December the 4th. The ground work has already been done. The hall has been hired with a Broadcasting band, which is all set to send forth its soothing musical notes that will move your feet across the floor in a dream of contentment.

Along with this, the same night will come the drawing of the lucky winners to our "Christmas Cheer". By the way if you didn't get any tickets Tony Fanelli will take care of you then or before.

Prizes of this, you know, the stuff that drives worldly cares away, range from 15 (fifteen) years 15 bottles to the lucky first, down to a bottle.

The W.W. I comrades with the addition of George Swerlick are getting on the beam for this event. Added incentives have been added to those who sell the most tickets, not to be revealed till a later date.

So you, our comrades outside of New York Chapter want to have a grand evening for a buck a ticket, plus tax (how can you go wrong at this price) come down and make this little investment and let us prove our contention.

The fellows had such a grand time getting young and frisky (of course a little liniment etc. was used afterwards, but then) at Bob Dicksons outing that another such event is looming up over the horizon, somewhere in Westchester.

Tell you more about this event later when it has matured to reality.

Of course we're having our regular meeting the 15th at the Armory, 26th Street and Lexington Ave. There will be the usual supper at 6:30, which is always well served and reasonable. This will be followed by our meeting and entertainment. All of this will be followed by the most serious matter of the evening, you know, around the table with bluffs and vacant looks. Oh how serious can you get. Oh, well you have to have the cards.

Well so long now, if any of you are around New York the second Thursday in any month and want to spend a delightful evening drop in on us at the 69th Armory, 28th Street and Lexington Ave. Onward Y.D.

—John O. Copley.

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## PHILADELPHIA
### "Quaker City Chapter"

**Commander: William P. Brown**
**2816 N. "D" St., Philadelphia, Pa.**

**Secretary: Karl Ley, Jr.**
**5314 Hadfield St., Philadelphia, Pa.**

The September meeting of the Philadelphia chapter was held on Friday night September 9th, at "Chick" Frazier's Dugout. The main topic of the meeting was a discussion on our recent Reunion Dinner held on August 31st, at the Sansom House during the recent American Legion Convention. As far as we can assure ourselves the dinner was a great success and I'm sure everyone had a swell time. Lou Wintner sure went out of his way to show the visitors a good time. That *steak* dinner really hit the spot. We also had some distinguished visitors of the YDVA present. The list was headed by our National Commander "Knocko" McCormack, Secretary Guy Watts, P.N.C. Fred Jones, Commander of the New York Chapter John Farquhar, Commander of the Connecticut Chapter Pat Healey. We also had a visit from the National Service Officer of the American Legion Ralph Lavers. He said a few words which were very important to every veteran present at the dinner including WW I and WW II. Our guest speakers were: Governor of Massachusetts, Paul Dever; Secretary of Labor, Maurice J. Tobin, sent telegrams at

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the last minute, stating that due to their respective government affairs they would be unable to be present at the dinner, but "Knocko" made up for them. Each of the visitors said a few words and their meanings sunk in very deep in the minds of every YD man present.

Lou introduced the various officers and members of the Philadelphia Chapter to the guests. "Knocko" also introduced the visitors to the Philadelphia members. The photographers took pictures of the group present and they turned out very good. "Chick" Frazier had a small band present which were very good. Chick also chimed in with his violin to help the boys out. After all these activities Guy Watts showed movies taken at the National Convention which were very good. A few of the members saw themselves in the movies. After this everyone departed to go on his way remembering the swell time he or she had at this dinner. I like to say that twenty-five of our own members were present with their wives, girl friends and friends, which helped make the dinner a big success. We also signed up at least ten new members thru the dinner.

A few other subjects were discussed at this meeting, one of which was a joint meeting with the New York City Chapter. We are very much interested in it and have decided to attend the November meeting at New York.

The Jackpot drawing was held and another member failed to take the loot home with him. Lou Wintner was the selector of the evening and he drew out the name of Harvey Ellis. Harvey has now joined the ranks of those who have failed to take the Jackpot home. This month the Jackpot came to $13.75.

We have planned a Thanksgiving Drawing in November. The winners being awarded Turkeys, also the man selling the most tickets will be rewarded for his good service. Geo. Linthicum, Don Ross, and Karl Ley, Jr., are the committee handling this drawing. All extra tickets may be had thru them. The address for tickets is:

Karl Ley, Jr.,
5314 Hadfield Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

For the third straight month we have gathered in a new member. This month the following YD man has now joined up with us, Al Fineberg, 180th F. A. Batt. also of the 328th Inf. Regt. We hope the boys keep up this good work. Karl Ley, Jr.

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**WASHINGTON, D. C.**
**Commander: Arthur L. Robitaille**
**2224 Chester St. SE, Washington, D. C.**
**Secretary: Carl C. Redinger, Jr.**
**7315 15th Ave., Takoma Park, Md.**

The annual fishing trip this summer was a huge success as far as catching fish was concerned, but not much of a success for attendance. Only five comrades were able to get away for the week end on the Bay. A great time was had by all who made the trip.

Seems as though all members were out of town on business for our last meeting in the Legion Dugout at Cheverly. Again only five members were present but we had a good time throwing the bull around and trying to beat the machines.

We are now looking forward to the 6th and 7th of October when the National Commander and Secretary will be in town on YDVA business.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Comrade John Cotter who recently lost his brother after losing his father earlier this year.

We are all glad that Nate Golden is back from his trip to Europe but sorry to hear that his health is not too good. Nate has some fine color pictures to show us at an early meeting. —Carl Redinger.

# DEPARTMENT OF THE MIDDLE WEST

**Commander: Matthew E. Connor, 5048 No. Elkhart Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.**

**CHICAGO**
**Commander: Joseph P. Micone**
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**Chicago 36, Illinois**
**Secretary: Martin V. Brennan**
**6044 South Princeton Avenue**
**Chicago 21, Illinois**

Just happened to pick up the last issue of Yankee Doings, and find that the Chicago Chapter is not represented by news of the doings of the chapter. Seeing that we have had no meetings since before the convention last June it is impossible to submit any news when we don't get any.

I wish to state that Ed O'Connell's mother is still hanging on, and I know that the Chapter members are hoping for the best. Ken Seavers, our Vice Commander, recently received a promotion as assistant supervisor in the Insurance Department of the Vet-

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eran's Administration. Congratulations, Ken. Joe Micone, our Commander, has been spending some time this summer breaking up the list of names of eligible members into sections, and expects to receive some good cooperation from the active members in corralling all eligible members. There are approximately 1,000, or more, in this neighborhood who are eligible to membership, and the Commander intends to make an all out effort to secure as many of these as possible as members of the Y. D. V. A.

The next meeting of the Chicago Chapter will be held on September 28, 1949, in the Morrison Hotel; at that meeting the members who attended the Convention will give a resume of the Convention. It is also expected at this meeting that the representatives of the Chapter to the Midwest Department will give a brief outline of the constitution and by-laws for the Midwest Department before they are submitted to that Department for action. From the looks of things, it appears that the Midwest Department plans to function in strict accordance to law. More power to them.

Here's hoping that all the members in the Chicago Chapter, both of World War I and World War II, will cooperate with the present officers and turn out in large numbers for the meetings.

—Martin V. Brennan.

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## DETROIT

**Commander: Edward Orlowski**
**7925 Klein, Detroit 11, Mich.**

**Secretary: Palmer Werner**
**7638 12th, Detroit 6, Mich.**

August 20 we had a gala picnic at John Klein's place in Grosse Pointe. A goodly gang turned out, the food was good, the drinks were cold and a spirit of good fellowship prevailed. Sam and Mrs. Salamanga finally got around. Horvath, the wild Hungarian, was really wild the way he kept losing at poker.

Guess we're no good for any obstacle courses right now. Matthews, Ed and Mrs. Orlowski, Webster, Spudowski and yours truly were chasing the lil bird in Badminton and not doing too good. We lost more birds.

The cast iron lamp shade goes to Eva Klein for the oh so good chow she served. Pete Sady turned out to be a chow hound. And so to cards. Late in the evening when all liquids had been consumed we went on our merry way.

Bob and Peg Trescott had to make a cross country trip since their home in Dearborn is about 40 miles from Klein's.

Incidentally down at the VA the other day I ran into Mrs. Hilda Reynolds, VA 10th floor, Union Guardian Bldg., Detroit 26. She wonders how many of the boys remember her. She was known as Sgt. Tillie, clerk in AWOL and Deserter Sec. Post H. Q., Camp Gordon.

—Palmer Werner, *Secy.*

P. S.—Still too damn busy to do any artwork for Yankee Doings. In fact I'm taking a week's vacation to rest up tomorrow.

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## CLEVELAND
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Our September meeting found the Auxiliary in the midst of things again. For the first time in our history, we are sponsoring two bowling teams made up of our own members.

Sore backs, aching arms and bones — but with good results — is what our girls are experiencing. Our teams are as follows:

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| Gretta Wells | Mildred Reich |
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| Grace Smart | Velda Adams |

Our spirits are soaring — watch our averages!

We were pleased to have Mrs. Helen Kaszian, whose husband is a member of the chapter, visit us.

—Doris Smart, *Secretary.*

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Just a slim turnout this month. Maybe all vacations aren't over yet. Here's hoping there is a better showing next month. Present were Frank Murray (101 Sig. Corps), Ben Harmon (103rd Inf.), Harry Goedelman (102nd Inf), Art Vetter (101st F. A.), Rand Ericson (101st Inf), and Charles Ellis (101st Inf). Missed were some of our regulars namely John Hull, Lowell Tursick, "Doc" Morris, Tom Johansen, Fay Chapin, Homer Preston, Art Schwartzer and our new member Royal Young. About all for now. See you all next month.

—Charles E. Ellis, *Sec.*

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## LOS ANGELES

**(Southern California Chapter)**

**Commander: William D. Libby**
**P. O. Box 607, Arcadia, California**

**Secretary: George K. Mitchell**
**824 Cresthaven Dr., Los Angeles, Calif.**

Saturday, August 27th, Commander Bill Libby held a party at his home in Arcadia for members of the Los Angeles Chapter. A meeting of the Executive Committee was called for 3:30 P.M. with the other members invited to an outdoor buffet at 6:00 o'clock.

The attendance was poor but those who did attend had a most enjoyable time. Mrs. Libby had prepared an abundance of delicious food, which was served in the spacious yard, while Bill was constantly on the job with cool drinks for his guests.

The thanks of all who were present goes to Mr. and Mrs. Libby for their hospitality, and to Mrs. Archie Bradley who assisted.

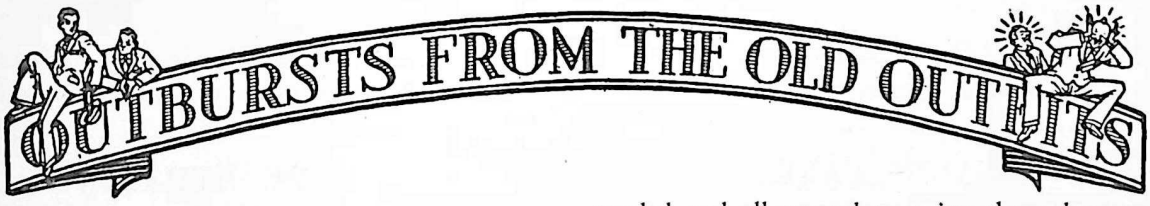
The September meeting of the Los Angeles Chapter was held on September 7th, with a fair attendance.

We were glad to have Alphonse Marchard, formerly of the Pawtucket Chapter, with us, thanks to the nice secretarial liason of John Moran of the Pawtucket Chapter who gave us his address. Alphonse brought with him Edgar King, also a member of the Pawtucket Chapter, and we heartily welcome both of these comrades.

The September bulletin was the second of a series of attractive meeting notices. Commander Libby originated the idea of a newsy mimeographed letter containing Chapter news and messages from the officers, and Francis Town has collaborated by drawing artistic covers for many issues.

We are sorry to report that Archie Farr has had to return to the Birmingham Hospital, and glad that Ben Crawford and Charlie Olsen are released from the Wadsworth Hospital. George Cannon has just returned from a vacation at Yosemite National Park fully recovered from the injuries received in au automobile accident. Steve Skelskey is still in the east. Archie Bradley makes an occasional trip to Desert Hot Springs and hopes to meet Jim Armeson for the purpose of a small 104th Infantry reunion.

—G. K. M.



The annual convention held on September 9th and 10th was a huge success. About 800 members attended and all seemed to enjoy themselves tremendously.

On Friday evening, many companies had individual parties at hotels and meeting halls nearby the Y.D. Club. Most of these group parties adjourned to the Y.D. Club about 10:30 P.M. Friday so that acquaint-

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anceship with members of the 101st other than their own company could be renewed. Long distance arrivals for the convention were Phil Gossetti, Illinois, H. Co. WW II and Elmer G. Holmes, Atlanta, Georgia, Co. L WW I.

Saturday morning about 250 members attended the fine Memorial Mass conducted on the Public Garden Mall at Colonel Cass's Statue in remembrance to Colonel Cass, the 1st Regimental Com. of the old 9th later the 101st, who was killed in action. Earl Eaves, Chairman of the Memorial Mass Committee, ran the ceremony off in a grand manner. Everything was timed and executed perfectly. Captain Sheehan of the old 9th gave a talk on the history of the regiment and was so pleased at the fine showing and reception to his talk that he said he would like to return each year for the ceremony. Father Mahoney said the prayer and gave a talk on the regiment. Bill Connor placed a lovely wreath on the statue of Colonel Cass.

The past president's dinner given by Governor Dever was one of the highlights of the Convention. The Master of Ceremonies Senator Chet Dolan, President of the Senate, introduced Edward "Knocko" McCormack who gave a short talk and introduced Mayor Curley for a short interesting talk. Senator Dolan then introduced the head table guests and called upon Bucky Coffey, Past President of the Association, for the first speech. Bucky really put across the importance to all of the association members that we get behind this greatest of all projects, the sponsorship by our Association of the carillons to be installed in the Mother Church of Boston. The Holy Cross Cathedral. These carols or chimes are to ring in memory of all 101st Infantry men who pass away. Each member was requested to pledge or send his contribution to 101st Infantry Memorial Fund, Frank Brennan, Treas., % Y.D. Club 200 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Mass. Father Mahoney gave a short talk, after Bucky Coffey completed his inspiring talk, and his talk was along the line of Bucky's bringing out the great spiritual remembrance each of us will gain from this grand gesture upon the part of the Association.

General Blake gave a fine talk at which time he offered to devote much of his time toward aiding this drive of the Association. Colonel Murphy, Regimental Commander of the 101st Infantry National Guard also offered his time and efforts along with the present members of the Guard to put over the top this huge undertaking and requested all officers and enlisted men to do what they could toward contributing toward the fund.

Mrs. Logan brought out some interesting information in her talk in connection with the growth of the Logan Airport. The dinner was a great one and was cut short so that everyone could get back to the Y.D. Club for the meeting.

Meeting was opened at 2:30 P.M. and the regular order of meeting was completed in quick time. The Secretary of Labor Maurice Tobin entered the hall and was escorted to the platform by Sergeant-at-Arms Nick Fleming. President Bill Connor introduced The Honorable Secretary who gave a fine interesting talk on world affairs.

Election of officers resulted in the following: Honorary Presidents, Maj. Gen. Thomas F. Foley, Brig. Gen. Vincent C. Breen, Col. Paul G. Kirk, Col. Walter T. Scott; President, Bill Connor; 1st Vice President, Jim Feeley; 2nd Vice President, Frank Brennan; Secretary, Earl Eaves; Assistant Secretary, George Johnson; Treasurer, John Kelley; Assistant Treasurer, Marty Sullivan; Sergeant-at-Arms, Nick Fleming; Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, Al McPhee; Historians,Wm. J. Hall and Charles McLeod; Judge Advocates, Timothy C. Doherty and Walter Grant; Chaplains, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Osias Boucher and Rev. Joseph P. Mahoney; Public Relations, William Molla and Angelo Mantenuto; Directors, John Rogan and Edw. J. McCormack.

At the conclusion of the meeting refreshments were served by a smart committee consisting of Goldie, Koskgarian, Italo, Rogan and McPhee.

The hall was cleared up by Patsy Toronto, Rogan and McPhee after the meeting in preparation for the evening dance, which began at 8:30 P.M. The orchestra on the 3rd floor was Al Marr's Boys and on the 1st floor was Heffernan's Men.

Many thanks are due to "Kocko" McCormack for directing the convention and for securing the wonderful donation from the old benefactor James Michael which enabled the Association to conduct the convention at no cost to the members or Association.

Thanks to Charley McLeod who worked so many hours selling caps and pins.

Thanks to John Burke and Dave Krinsky for their hard work in directing the so-called registration which was the actual collection of dues and distribution of name plates.

Thanks to Mrs. Rae and her able auxiliary for their hard work in aiding Burke and Krinsky with

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the registration and numerous other details.

Thanks to the refreshment committee: Koshgarian, Rogan, Goldie, Italo, and McPhee.

Many many thanks to all the committees for their faithful, hard work in making this convention a grand success.

And last but not least, the fellow who put in the most time and made sure the Convention was a success was George Johnson, Chairman of the Convention. Many thanks George.

—Bill Connor, *Pres.*
—Earl Eaves, *Sec.*

## NEWS OF THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS OF THE 101st INFANTRY ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, September 15th, 1949, at the Y.D. Club, a dual installation of the Y.D.V.A. Association's newly elected officers and the newly elected officers of the 101st Infantry Association was held.

Past President Fred Jones and Past Sergeant-at-Arms Earl Holbrook installed the officers in a grand ceremony. After the installation The Honorable John W. McCormack, Majority Leader of the House of Representatives gave a fine speech praising the actions of our Association and also talked on the current Russian situation.

President Bill Connor praised the work of the officers and members of the Association for their wonderful cooperation in the past year and told all present that a great interest has already been shown towards the fund raising campaign. He stated that about twenty (20) members have already contributed about $300.00 and that each member should make sure that he does what he can towards contributing to the fund in order that we might even over subscribe the $4000.00 figure it will cost the Association to install the bells.

He also announced the next meeting of the Committee (which means all members of the Association) will be held on October 6th, and every Thursday evening thereafter.

The honor system is working out well. Each paid-up member of 1949 was sent his membership card ahead of paying his dues. Of the 775 members sent a card all but 275 have paid their dues. In addition to the 500 renewals about 125 new members have joined and membership cards are being made up now to send to them.

Tickets are now available for the Installation Dinner to be held on December 11th, at the Copley Plaza Hotel.

The Archbishop will at that time be offered and accept the carillons.

Bill Connor, *President,*
Earl Eaves, *Secretary.*

## COMPANY "A" 101st INFANTRY

WW II News

Gene "Shorty" Lesch who's Dad Hans whom we all know as our Bartender in the club paid us a visit.

Many new faces were present, Carl Rasa, Jim Macrokanis, Araaldo "TARZAN" Palmacci, Henry Cormier, John Faranato, with of course our active members Charlie Perry and his lovely wife Mickey, and my able assistant Eddie Baskiewicz.

Saturday nights affair was a huge success, with Johnny Rogan and his wife Helen, Ernie Bruzzese and his wife, Charlie Perry and Mickey, our champion of East Boston "Zeke" Di Tomasso, Pat Joyce from Southie, and an M Co man Fred Farquhar with his buddy Russell Galvin.

John Rogan, *Co-President.*

WW I News

At the last reunion we had a gay old time. They popped in from Wollaston and Revere, they came from far and near Yessiree fellars it was a bang up affair and we expect plenty more at our next.

Just a few who attended, The Graham boys, Squeeze Gately, Les Hardy, Les Perry, Goldie, Rocco, Paul Donovan, Pete and Dan McCormack, Pat Finley, Phil and Jim Mahoney and numerous others. Andy Quirk, Dan Wheelock and Jim McEntee phoned in and regretted they could not be present due to illness, but will go along with us on anything we do. Marty Cohen blew in all the way from Conn. to attend. We also had heard from another Connecticut Yankee "Lt. Brewer" who also regretted in not being present due to his business, but is behind us 100%.

Paul Donovan, *Co-President,*
*"Goldie", Secretary.*

## E CO. 101st INFANTRY ASSOCIATES WORLD WAR TWO ECHOES

On Friday, September 9th, "E" Company held a company party at the Amvets Hall, 337 Newbury Street, as a pre-convention party. Thirty members of the company plus several members of the Medical Detachment got together and told stories, sang songs, and partook of refreshments secured by Joe Kreas, prepared by Benny Royle, Danny DeYesso, Joe Kreas,

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and Al McPhee. Highlight of the affair was the taking of moving pictures of the whole group by Dave Krinsky of Medics.

President Bill Connor and Chairman of the 101st Infantry Convention Committee George Johnson dropped into the party, and at this time "E" Company wishes to thank them for their thoughtfulness in coming over. At the conclusion of the party all members of the party moved back to the Y.D. Club on Huntington Avenue to renew friendship with others of the regiment gathered there.

Our entrance into the Y.D. will be one remembered for a long while, for the group of us paraded, in a column of two's from the street into the hall led by George Cote with his tipple and McPhee and Girard carrying and beating a set of tubs used for icing beer. The whole group paraded through the crowded 1st floor of the club, while the seated members of the 101st exclaimed, "Here Comes E Company." A grand singing crowd of E Company added to the spirit of all and the rest of the evening was one of great enjoyment.

The next morning many of "E" Company attended the Memorial Mass at which ceremony Danny DeYesso in charge of the Colors and Buglers instructed them perfectly in their part of the ceremony.

At the election of officers of the 101st Infantry Association Marty Sullivan was elected Assistant Treasurer, Al McPhee, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, and Charlie McLeod, Assistant Historian. This makes a good showing of "E" Company on the Executive Committee of the Association.

"E" Company will have a dance on October 28th at the Y.D. Club in order that we may raise some funds for postage and hospital gifts. If anyone desires tickets, please contact Al McPhee, Marty Sullivan or Charlie McLeod.

Dick Byrnes and his wife attended the convention and had a fine time. Dick finally found out who put Joe O'Brien in his tent at our A.P. Hill Camp in Virginia and also found out the same bunch put up the huge Pennsyltucky Inn Sign on the Supply Tent.

Marty Sullivan, *President,*
Al McPhee, *Secretary.*

## FLICKERS FROM THE 104TH

Lt. Col. Howard C. Dellert, the former regimental S-3 and 3rd Battalion Commander, has returned from duty at Ling, Austria and is now assigned to duty at Army Field Headquarters at Fort Munroe, Virginia.

Captain Paul E. Smith, former C. O. of Company G is seriously ill at his home in Sandusky, Ohio. Letters from his former buddies and members of the 2nd Battalion will certainly help cheer him up. Write him at 203 Laurence St., Sandusky, Ohio.

Chaplain Albert B. Blatz asks to be remembered to all of his friends, and he certainly had a complete regiment full of friends. There is no finer than Father Blatz. He can be reached at 8200 Portland Ave., South Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Colonel Dwight Colley is now Vice President of the Atlantic Refining Company, with headquarters at Philadelphia, Penn.

The memory of Sgt. Charles F. Barry formerly of Co M, 104 Inf. killed in action near Moncourt Woods on October 17, 1944 was perpetuated by the dedication of a square in his honor in Jamaica Plain, Mass. Brig. Gen. Ralph A. Palladino, former Regimental Commander was the principal speaker at the ceremonies.

Edward Randall of Bolton, Mass., formerly of E Company, recently graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute with a Mechanical Engineering degree. He is looking for employment. Who can use his services? Please contact him.

Elmer Nix was a recent visitor at National Hdqtrs. He was formerly a member of Co L, 104 Inf., and asked especially for Major Hugh Donaldson, who he was very much attached to during combat.

## "C" COMPANY, 101st ENGINEERS WORLD WAR I

C Company's Annual reunion was held at Sea Side House, Old Orchard Beach, Maine, Sept. 10 and 11, 1949. Those taking in all or part of the activities were Munroe, Clough, Whitten, Kilpatrick, Cahoon, Oscar Stuart, Bill Collins, LeBranche, Coburn, Morison, Brackett, Porter, Booth, Lyndell, Underwood, Lunt, Jordan, Heald and his Mrs., Jardine and junior, also Bill Collin's little nephew.

It was certainly good to see the fellows once more. But every year there are more and more faces missing. It was a very enjoyable time and everyone seemed to have enjoyed every minute.

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ALFRED BECK, formerly of Battery A, 101st F. A., WW-I, died suddenly on September 1st. Burial was private and from his former home in Milton, Mass.

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ERIC R. BLAIR, formerly of Co. 'H', 103rd Inf., died August 8th at the Veterans Hospital in Rutland, Mass., after a long illness. Burial was in Steep Falls cemetery down in Maine with the American Legion conducting their services.

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ALLEN COLT, formerly of Co. G, 103rd Inf., died at the Veterans Hospital at West Roxbury, Mass., on September 4, 1949. Burial was at Brattleboro, Vt.

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EUGENE L. MOISAN, formerly of Co. K, 101st Inf., WW-I, died on September 7, 1949. Burial was from his former home in Braintree, Mass., on September 10th.

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PETER V. COSTELLO, formerly of Co. D, 101st Inf., WW-I, died September 15, 1949. Burial was from his former home in Dorchester, Mass.

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Report has been received of the death of EDWARD F. KELLEY, formerly of Co. H, 102nd Inf., sometime during 1948.

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LOUIS A. FRANCIS, formerly of Hdqtrs. Co., 104th Inf., died in Gloucester, Mass., on September 17. He was a Deputy Chief of the Gloucester Fire Dept. Those from out of town who attended the funeral were PNC Turgeon and State Dept. Commander Maxwell, also former 1st Sgt. John Regan. Services were attended by most of the former members of his company and the Wass Post A. L. conducted the services.

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Report has been received of the following deaths: JOSEPH J. GRIMES, HENRY BEAUREGARD and EDWARD JACKSON all former members of Co. L, 102nd Inf.

CHARLES H. PEPIN, formerly of Co. B, 104th Inf., died at Beverly, Mass., August 12, 1949.

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Report of the death of LEO J. GUIMOND, Btry. C, 103rd F. A., in March, 1948.

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DR. WALTER D. KELLS, former dentist with Division Hdqtrs. and 101st Med., WW-I, died September 23, 1949.

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EMILE J. DOSTALER, formerly of the 101st Eng. Train, WW-I, died Sunday, September 25, 1949. Funeral services from his former home in Lowell, Mass., September 27, 1949.

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WILLIAM (BILL) DONAHUE, Batt. A, 102nd F. A., passed away in July after a long illness, at the Veterans Hospital at Northampton. Bill had been a patient at various hospitals for a number of years. Comrades of Batt. A, with Pres. Booth, officiating, furnished the necessary details for a departed comrade.

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CARL V. PAIGHT, formerly of Battery F, 103rd F. A., died September 23 at the Stamford Hospital. He was a Sergeant on the Stamford Police Department and had been suffering from an inoperable cancer for some time.

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